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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1541
RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH.

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: March 14, 2024

Room Number: CR 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health supports this measure.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health provides the following testimony. Hawaii
4 Suicide Prevention Month was passed as ACT 36 in 2019. However the date was incorrect. This
5 bill changes the effective date to July 1, 2024. Suicide currently remains an issue for Hawaii with
6 over 200 suicides per year. This bill, if enacted, will help educate the public on suicide
7 prevention.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-1541

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